

MBA

NEWS and VIEWS

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY • 4001 HARDING ROAD • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37205

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Dear M.B.A. Parents:

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in early May you honored Linda and me in a way we shall never forget. The reception on this magnificent campus gave us an opportunity to visit briefly with a number of you. Without a doubt those five hours were the quickest hours I have ever spent because of your graciousness. We are very grateful to those who planned and gave us this occasion and to those who came.

Linda and I also want each of you to know how very much we appreciate the very special antique silver urn. Because we shall be entertaining a great deal in Charleston, the urn will find a prominent place in our home. As members of the diligent Mothers' Auxiliary and Fathers Club, you are also responsible for our receiving a generous check, a cash gift that will help immeasurably as we prepare to move. Our new home will be more beautiful because of you, and we thank you!

Finally, we cannot leave without expressing to you our genuine appreciation for giving us the opportunity to know and work with your sons. The strength of MBA rests in their impressive abilities and in your devotion to them and support of M.B.A. We thank you.

Sincerely,
Gordon E. Bondurant

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM AWARD GIVEN TO MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY

Montgomery Bell Academy was recently honored by the College Board as a recipient of their 1988 Advanced Placement Program Award. Mike Drake, Assistant Headmaster, represented the school at the Southern Regional Assembly in February, at which time MBA, two other private schools, a few public high schools, colleges, and universities were designated as leaders in the Advanced Placement Program. The letter of citation said: "MBA has been a leader in educational reform and has provided strong support of academic achievement through the Advanced Placement Program." The criteria placed schools that received this award as "Superstar" schools. We congratulate our students who have accomplished a great deal in their AP programs and achieved much success, and at the same time we say "well done" to the many members of our faculty who teach the Advanced Placement courses.

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNIZES HIGHEST SCORERS

Twenty-two members of the Junior Class were recently recognized in an assembly by being among the highest scorers in the nation on the PSAT/NMSQT administered last fall. These students were among the highest scoring 50,000 students in the more than 1,000,000 who took the test. Placing in this highest scoring category and receiving a special notification from the National Merit Program were: Rick Barksdale, Lawrence Berman, Jason Burroughs, Warren Downs, Peter Dudley, Brad Griffin, Sheldon Griffin, John Hays, Willie Johnson, Jay Kahlon, Tom Lance, Scott Lewis, Rabin Nimmo, Andy Patterson, Jonathan Reeve, Chris Shea, John Smithwick, Brian Stephenson, David Strayhorn, Mark Thrailkill, Andy Underwood, and Jason West. We congratulate these gentlemen.

JIM WOMACK CHOSEN OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE HUMANITIES

The Tennessee Humanities Council recently recognized Jim Womack as one of six teachers throughout the State of Tennessee who received an award of recognition for Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities. This award, given to six recipients each year, carries with it a \$1,000 stipend to Mr. Womack for further study and a \$1,000 stipend to MBA for books, films, and other materials that will enhance the study of the humanities. Jane Entrekin, mother of Morgan (Class of '73) and Hugh (Class of '75) made the presentation on May 11 on behalf of the Tennessee Humanities Council. We are extraordinarily proud of Mr. Womack's accomplishments.

WOMACK CHOSEN FOR CHINA TRIP

Mr. Jim Womack has been selected to participate in an art teachers' trip to China, a trip lasting three weeks and giving him an inside look at oriental art. This trip was made possible by the generosity of many individuals and the Tennessee Humanities Council grant and will give a major added dimension to Jim's already popular Art History course. We congratulate Jim on being selected and wish him the best on the trip.

NATIONAL SPANISH CONTEST RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED

The National Spanish Examination results were recently announced. A number of MBA students placed very well, including Chris Jones who was a regional winner at Level III while winners of Certificates of Merit at the State level were Wally Jones, John Lamb, Babu Paruchuri, Kirk Kaludis, Mauro Mastrapasqua, Rabin Nimmo, Chris Tapia, and Shravan Kambam. We congratulate these gentlemen as well.

LUKE DAVIS LEADS NATION IN FRENCH AND IS JOINED BY MANY OTHER MBA STUDENTS

Luke Davis, MBA Freshman, recently was notified that he placed 1st in the National French Contest in his category for first-year students. Chris Jones placed 5th nationally. In French II, Brett Stahlman placed 5th, Lee Page and Jason Burroughs 6th in their category as Rob Lentz placed 7th in his category. Matt Bumstead was 6th nationally as well. In the eight-state Region Luke Davis placed 1st again. In addition to the national winners, state winners and their ranks were as follows: Level IA, Chris Jones 2nd; Level IB, Luke Davis 1st, Winston Caldwell 2nd, Mark Bittles and John Schweikert 3rd, Keith Ikard 4th, and Philip Westermann 7th. In French IIA, Rob Lentz 4th, Devraj Basu 5th. In French IIB, Brett Stahlman was 1st, Jason Burroughs and Lee Page 2nd, John Koon 3rd, Rob Lentz, Andrew Duthie, and Tommy Vandever 4th, Kevin Kruse 5th, Alden Smith 6th, and Caleb Ludwick 7th. At French III level, Matt Bumstead 3rd, Jay Binkley 6th, and at the fourth-year French level, John Overfield was 6th in the state. We congratulate these gentlemen.

NEWSPAPER CONTEST VALIDATES THE QUALITY OF THE BELL RINGER

Kurt Gilliland, editor of the 1987-1988 Bell Ringer, must feel considerable pride in the excellent work of his staff. In the recent Middle Tennessee Excellence in High School Newspapers Contest, sponsored by the Belmont College Journalism Department and the Tennessean, Oman Sloan received a 1st place award for original art work, and Kurt received a 1st place sports story award. 2nd place awards were given to Devraj Basu for photography and to Kurt Gilliland for hard news. We congratulate our entire newspaper staff.

ROBB LUDWICK NAMED OLDHAM SCHOLAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

When a person with some resources wishes to make a difference at a university or college, he should follow the example of Mr. Dortch Oldham, MBA Trustee, prominent Nashville businessman, and a person who cares a great deal about higher education. Mr. Oldham is particularly interested in the University of Richmond, a school which has been ranked for three consecutive years as one of "America's Best Colleges" in surveys by U.S. News and World Report.

One of the primary reasons for this high ranking is the Oldham Scholars Program which Mr. Dortch Oldham established four years ago, a program based on merit to bring the finest students to the University of Richmond. The Oldham Scholars receive tuition, room, and books.

We congratulate Robb Ludwick, MBA Class of 1988, for being recently selected as an Oldham Scholar, and we thank Trustee Dortch Oldham for his continuing interest in education at the secondary and university levels.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED: BURROUGHS, BUMSTEAD, GRIFFIN, AND STRAYHORN HONORED

Several University awards were announced at a student assembly in mid-May. Receiving the Yale Award as an Outstanding Junior was Jason Burroughs. This award was presented by Andy May, MBA Class of '77 and a Yale graduate. The Jefferson Award, presented by the University of Virginia, was given to Matt Bumstead and presented by Buck Cole, MBA Class of '72. Brad Griffin received the Sewanee Award to the Best Citizen in the Junior Class, an award given by Joe Thoni, MBA Class of '75. The Rensselaer Math and Science Award to the Outstanding Junior in Math and Science was presented to David Strayhorn.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TO TODD WISE

At the awards assembly Todd Wise received the State Farm National Merit Scholarship, an industry sponsored scholarship of considerable value. Todd will be entering Northwestern next year.

DEBATE COACH TATE ELECTED DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

Billy Tate, MBA Debate and Forensic Coach, and the MBA program were honored recently when Billy was elected as one of five directors of the National Forensic League. Billy led the balloting among the directors with more than of 48,000 votes. We congratulate Billy on the fine honor and recognition.

The MBA Debate program continues to be recognized as the four debate representatives to the National Tournament of NFL are all MBA students. In recent years MBA graduates have been the No. 1 debaters in the United States at the college level and...

T.A. McKinney, a 1987 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and currently a freshman at the University of Kentucky, recently took top honors at the National Novice College Championship held at Northwestern University. T.A. and his partner defeated the novice team from Harvard University on a unanimous decision by three judges. Additionally, T.A. won top individual honors by being selected as the #1 novice college debater.

OPTIMIST CLUB HONORS HILL AND BROOKS

The Downtown Optimist Club in late April conducted its 60th annual oratorical contest at which MBA freshman Jim Hill placed 2nd in the competition. Hill edged out MBA freshman Michael Brooks, who was 3rd.

1988-1989 CHEERLEADERS ARE ELECTED

The selection of the cheerleaders for next year has been concluded. After nominations by the students, all of the candidates were given some instructions and asked to cheer before a panel of students, teachers, parents, and coaches for the final election. We are proud to announce that the cheerleaders for next year are: Marsha Ivey (St.C.), Carter Murray (HH), Marguerite Nielsen (HH), Jennifer Rose (HH), Ellen Sevier (St.C.), Josie Sevier (St.C.), and Beth Sullins (HH). The alternate is Paige Ferragina (HH).

MBA ALUMNI VAN RIPER AND OWEN RECEIVE HONORS

Ransom Van Riper, 1984 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and recent graduate of Brown University, was chosen as a 1988 Mellon Fellow in the Humanities. Van Riper is studying the classics. Jay Owen, MBA Class of 1986, has been honored at the United States Air Force Academy for academic excellence. We congratulate these alumni.

BEST KEPT SECRET - MBA'S ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

One of the best kept secrets in the city of Nashville is the athletic excellence of MBA teams. With only 340 students in the high school, MBA has elected to play in Class AAA, the largest classification, a league with schools ranging from 979 students to 3,030 students. In District and Region play TSSAA oversees nine different sports. MBA was the District and/or Region Champion in six of the nine sports. Consider the following:

Football.....District Co-champions
 Cross Country...Regional Champions, Metro Champions, State - 4th place
 Golf.....District and Regional Champions, State - 2nd place
 Basketball.....District regular season and tournament champions
 Track.....Regional Champions
 Tennis.....District and Regional Champions

I believe this record is rather incredible as it shows unequivocally that academics and athletics can mix, that a winning tradition in academics is not damaged by a winning tradition in athletics, or vice versa. Of equal significance to me is the fact that 67 of 82 graduating seniors in the class of 1988 received varsity letters. As Mr. Drake pointed out in his comments to the students at the annual Athletic Banquet, MBA depends upon a team effort. All the individual honors received by students this year would be for naught except for the effort of the entire team. We are proud of our young men and the coaching staff for providing a truly successful athletic year.

RIFLE TEAM PLACES SECOND IN STATE

The MBA Rifle team, under the loyal guidance of Coach Jimmy Stevens, placed 2nd in the State Championship Tournament this spring. Led by Hunt Nichols, a graduating senior who received a fifth-year plaque at the Athletic Banquet, the MBA Rifle team has experienced considerable success this year. Starting practice in November, the team's major tournaments are held in January, February, and March. Joining Hunt in leadership roles on the team have been Jim Abernathy, Eric Falk, and Thayer Smith. Others who have successfully participated are Todd Anderson, Richard Fitzgerald, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, David Lockyear, David Moroney, and Greg Parker.

Because of the nature of the sport and the fact that the team practices in the range at Vanderbilt, few spectators see a rifle match. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of these young men and Coach Stevens for representing MBA so well.

SAVE DOLLARS - MAKE DOLLARS - USED BOOK SALE

If you are interested in saving money or in making money, mark your calendar now for Friday, May 27.

The Used Book Sale will once again be held the day after the last examination is completed, Friday, May 27.

Textbooks will be collected beginning on Monday, May 23, after the exams for the day are over. The books will be on sale in the cafeteria from 11:00 until 2:00 on Friday, May 27.

THE YEAR IN SUMMARY

As we close the 1987-1988 academic year, I wish to express my appreciation for the support MBA has received from students and parents during this year of transition. The students have received numerous academic honors and awards. The faculty has been recognized locally, in the state, and in the nation. Our alumni and trustees have been extremely loyal and supportive of the school in the giving of their resources and interest in school affairs, and you, our parents, have been impressive in fulfilling your responsibilities to make sure your sons have a challenging and rewarding educational experience. We appreciate you and thank you for your devotion to Montgomery Bell Academy.